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SUBJ: GOP REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR PIA ROUTE TO US
WEST COAST

1. SUMMARY. GOP REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NEXT 60 DAYS
AT WASHDC. OR KARACHI TO GRANT PIA ROUTE TO US WEST
COAST ACROSS THE PACIFIC ON EXTENSION OF PRESENT TOKYO
ROUTE. GOP ALLEGES INCREASE IN PAN AM'S EARNINGS SINCE
NOV. 1972 IS JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST. PIA DESIRES
OPERATE ROUTE BEGINNING NOV. 1974. END SUMMARY.

2. GOP HAS GIVEN AIDE MEMOIRE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING ROUTE
ACROSS PACIFIC TO US WEST COAST. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION
FOLLOWS:

3. WHILE THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE UNITED STATES
(PAN AM) OPERATES FROM USA THROUGH KARACHI CONNECTING BOTH
EASTERN AND WESTERN COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DESIG-
NATED AIRLINE OF PAKISTAN (PIA) IS PERMITTED TO CARRY
PASSENGERS ONLY TO THE EASTERN COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.
THIS SITUATION HAS CREATED AN IMBALANCE BOTH IN OPERATIONS
AND IN THE EARNINGS TO THE TWO AIRLINES. THIS IS CONFIRMED
BY THE STATISTICAL DATA AND TRAFFIC FIGURES RELATING TO THE
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THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC OF PIA AND PAN AM

FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

4. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN HELD AT WASHDC, D.C. IN NOV. 1972, THE US SIDE HAD INDICATED THAT SHOULD PAN AM'S EARNINGS, BECAUSE OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN, IMPROVE, THAT US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO REVIEW PAKISTAN'S REQUEST FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE ROUTE SCHEDULE OF PIA.

5. SINCE THEN THE EARNINGS OF PAN AM HAVE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED. CHANGES IN THE ROUTE SCHEDULE OF PIA WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PIA THE SAME FACILITIES, AS AVAILABLE TO PAN AM FOR THEIR OPERATIONS TO/THROUGH KARACHI, HAVE, THEREFORE, BECOME NECESSARY. THE IMBALANCE IN OPERATIONS AND EARNINGS OF THE TWO AIRLINES CAN BE RECTIFIED IF IN ADDITION TO THE ROUTE FROM KARACHI TO NEW YORK, PIA IS PERMITTED TO FLY TO A POINT ON THE WEST COAST OF USA ACROSS THE PACIFIC ON AN EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT TOKYO ROUTE TO HONOLULU - LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO.

6. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY EITHER KINDLY AGREE TO THE CHANGES IN THE ROUTE OF THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF PAKISTAN IN THE MANNER INDICATED ABOVE OR ALTERNATIVELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE X(B) OF THE AGREEMENT, AGREE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, AT WASHDC. OR AT KARACHI, WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREED SOLUTION. END AIDE MEMOIRE.

7. ON JUNE 24 AKRAM ZAKI, MFA DIRECTOR AMERICANS AFFAIRS, TOLD DCM AND EMBOFF THAT GOP HAD INSTRUCTED ITS AMBASSADOR AT WASHDC. TO MAKE SAME REQUEST DIRECT TO DEPARTMENT. HE STATED THAT PIA WISHED TO BEGIN OPERATION OF REQUESTED WEST COAST FLIGHT IN NOV. 1974 AND DESIRED ONLY TECHNICAL STOP AT HONOLULU.

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